

REVISED RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN FELLOWSHIP ACTIVATION NOTICE (PHS 416-5),
TERMINATION NOTICE (PHS 416-7), PAYBACK AGREEMENT (PHS 6031) AND
PAYBACK ACTIVITIES CERTIFICATION (PHS 6031-1) NOW AVAILABLE

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EFFECTIVE DATE: The revised "Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellowship Activation Notice" (PHS 416-5, Rev. 6/02), "Information and Termination Notice for Fellows and Trainees Completing a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award" (PHS 416-7, Rev. 6/02), "Payback Agreement" (PHS 6031, Rev. 6/02) and "Annual Payback Activities Certification" (PHS 6031-1) are now available and will be accepted immediately. Use of the previous versions (Rev. 12/98) will be accepted through December 31, 2002. However, the 12/98 versions of the 6031 and 6031-1 will continue to be accepted indefinitely. Note, there are no changes in the data items of these forms.

The revised instructions and forms are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm#training>. The forms available on the website have been modified to enable the fields to be filled in directly using Adobe Acrobat Reader Software. Free Adobe Software may be accessed at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>. If you have any questions about using the new forms and the Adobe Acrobat Reader Software process, see "INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOADING DOCUMENTS AND ELECTRONIC FORMS" at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/edocs.htm>.

The forms will also be available in Rich Text Format (RTF), a standardized way to encode various text formatting properties, such as bold characters and typefaces, as well as document formatting and structures. RTF is supported across a number of platforms. RTF files can be opened in many word processors and other RTF-aware software packages with much of its formatting left intact. In addition, many word processing programs will also allow users to save a document in RTF when you select "Save As..."

NOTE: Other software packages for completing these applications may be available from other sources; however, it is essential that the type size and format specifications are met or the application will be returned without review.

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